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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a)

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for a two month extension of time to file this response to the Office Action mailed September 27, 2004. The extended period is set to expire on December 28, 2004. A check in the amount of \$450.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for a two month extension of time.

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